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Big Red One & Fort Riley Community Update

NOTES FROM LT. COL. CHRISTIAN KUBIK, 1ST INF. DIV. AND FORT RILEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

This is the first edition of what will be a monthly newsletter. The intent of this newsletter is to provide you with information you can use in community planning. We also hope that this will keep open our channels of communication – use the contact numbers above and call us with your questions. Although April Blackmon is the most knowledgeable about community events, you are welcome to call any of us.

The format for this newsletter will remain fairly constant. We'll provide you with information that

affects the population, training and missions so you continually know what's going on.

Fort Riley is very fortunate in that community leaders here truly support the post, and not just in the business sense. Here, folks support Soldiers, and communities support what Soldiers do. We appreciate that support and want to maintain it. I think one good way to do that is to keep you informed of what's going on.

Lt. Col. Christian Kubik

NOTES FROM APRIL BLACKMON, COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

Fort Riley and the surrounding region are poised for tremendous growth over the next several years. You already have been a part of history as we welcomed home the Big Red One Aug. 1. And you are living history now as we bring in thousands of new people to this region.

I want to thank you for all you have done for Fort Riley. I hope that we can keep the great relationships we have established with you as we all work to take care of our Soldiers, civilians, retirees and their families.

This newsletter is designed to provide you with accurate information on what is happening at Fort Riley. Feel free to get in touch with me for any questions or concerns. I can be contacted via phone at (785) 239-2022 or e-mail at april.blackmon@riley.army.mil

April M. Blackmon

Approximate population figures

	Sept. '05	Sept. '06	FY 2011
Soldiers	10,060	12,533	18,300
Family members	12,714	15,695	25,660
On Post	7,751	7,854	
Off Post	4,963	7,841	17,740
Civilian Employees	5,805	8,089*	6,800
Retirees	19,752	19,928	unknown
Total	48,331	56,245	~70,000

* Includes temporary contractors for peak construction period.



TRANSITION TEAMS AND DEPLOYMENTS REMAIN TOP MISSIONS

In 2006, the Department of Defense decided to consolidate the Transition Team training mission at Fort Riley. Transition Teams advise, teach and mentor Iraqi Security Forces and the Afghan National Army, and provide direct access to Coalition capabilities such as air support, artillery, medical evacuation and intelligence gathering. The Transition Team mission has put Fort Riley and Kansas in the national and international spotlight. In the 2007 Baker-Hamilton commission report, transition teams were deemed an integral part of the plan to withdraw our troops from the region. Just a few of the noteworthy visitors to observe Transition Team training include the Iraqi Army's chief of staff; the U.S. Army's chief of staff and vice chief of staff; the foreign press pool with 22 media outlets; CBS Evening News; CNN; Newsweek; Al Jazeera in English; and countless other leaders and media organizations.

Transition Team Training

<i>Totals include servicemembers from Army, Navy and Air Force</i>	Currently in training	Trained and deployed	Total
Operation Iraqi Freedom	544	898	1442
Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan)	308	495	803
Total	852	1393	2245

Information is as of Jan. 18, 2007

DEPLOYED/DEPLOYING UNITS

Currently deployed (about 5,820 Soldiers total):

- Company A, 1st Battalion, 16th Inf. (Horn of Africa)
- 774th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Afghanistan)
- 1st Maintenance Company
- 1st Engineer Battalion
- Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 541st Combat Support Sustainment Battalion
- Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 16th Inf., 1st Brigade
- Companies B and C, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, 1st Brigade
- Batteries B and D, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, 1st Brigade
- Troop D, 4th Cavalry, 1st Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion
- Individual elements of the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron
- 4th Inf. Brigade Combat Team



Soldiers of Co. A, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., wait for a U.S. Marine Corps helicopter to land during some of their interservice training in the Horn of Africa.

Scheduled to deploy throughout 2007 (specific dates to be determined):

- 977th Military Police Co., approx. 160 Soldiers
- 70th Engineer Bn., approx. 550 (to Afghanistan)
- 24th Transportation Co., approx. 170
- F Det., 15th Finance Bn., approx. 20
- Headquarters, 1st Sustainment Bde., approx. 250
- 2-2 Heavy Equipment Transportation Det., approx. 50
- Combat Aviation Bde., approx. 2,300
- 97th Military Police Bn. working dog teams, 5

DIVISION TRANSFORMATION

1st Infantry Division Headquarters is scheduled to modularize in fiscal year 2008, growing from 340 to 850 Soldiers. The division headquarters oversees all brigades below.

1st Brigade Combat Team has the lead for the Fort Riley Transition Team training mission. The first rotation of Transition Teams began June 1, 2006. The brigade, which officially assumed the lead on the TT mission Oct. 16, 2006, has provided approximately 600 Soldiers as cadre. Additionally, the brigade deployed nearly 1,500 Soldiers last fall as security force elements to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division will stand up and convert to a modular Infantry Brigade Combat Team with 3,400 Soldiers. Presently, the brigade exists in name alone. The brigade will conduct an operational deployment, return to Fort Hood, and then restation to Fort Knox, its permanent home, in fiscal year 2009.

3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division will build from approximately 280 to 3,800 personnel in 2007 and become a Heavy Brigade Combat Team. Tanks and Bradleys will be returned to them, with the first arriving in the spring. In the fall, the brigade is scheduled to reflag as the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. Currently, no deployment orders have been received for the brigade. The brigade also maintains command and control for the 70th Engineer Battalion, which is scheduled to deploy in late winter to Afghanistan.

4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team currently about 3,400 Soldiers strong, has departed to Iraq.



Transition Team Soldiers learn to speak with "Iraqi" villagers during training.



Engineers with Company C, 70th Eng. Bn., were at Pygmy Village Sept. 15 as part of a two-week Sapper Stakes field exercise to prepare for deployment to Afghanistan this year.

The deployment was planned prior to President Bush's announcement to add 21,500 troops to the current troop level in Iraq, however, the announcement accelerated their deployment by three days.

Combat Aviation Brigade currently has approximately 2,000 Soldiers assigned to the brigade as of January 2007. Helicopters began arriving May 22, 2006. So far, 18 Apaches, 32 Black Hawks and 8 Chinooks have arrived. The unit is expecting nearly 120 aircraft total, including Kiowas. This medium aviation brigade is preparing for its upcoming deployment to Iraq in late summer 2007.

1st Sustainment Brigade, formerly called Division Support Command, uncased its colors on Aug. 1, 2006, and modularized and converted to the 1st Sustainment Brigade in February 2007. The headquarters, with approximately 250 personnel, is preparing for its upcoming deployment in summer of 2007.

166th Aviation Brigade provides training support to combat support/combat service support reserve component units. The unit, formerly 3rd Brigade, 75th Division (Training Support), reflagged as the 166th Aviation Brigade, Division West in December 2006.

10th Air Support Operations Squadron, a III Corps, Air Force unit is assigned to support Fort Riley maneuver brigades and provides liaison to Air Force power through use of Joint Terminal Attack Controllers. As of January, 20 Airmen are deployed. The unit has approximately 75 Airmen and is expected to grow to more than 100 Airmen in support of the 1st ID restationing.



UPCOMING POST EVENTS

For more information on these activities, visit www.riley.army.mil and click on the "Events" calendar

- 2/7 [Armed Forces Appreciation Day](#)
[Permanent Change of Station - South Korea - February 7](#)
- 2/13 [Fort Riley Battle of the Brave Blood Drive](#)
[Sponsorship Training - February 13](#)
- 2/14 [Permanent Change of Station - Germany - February 14](#)
- 2/21 [Unit Prevention Leader \(UPL\) Training Course - Feb 21](#)
[Permanent Change of Station - Overseas - February 21](#)
- 2/27 [Franklin Covey's - The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families - Feb 27](#)
[Community Action Council \(CAC\) - Feb 27](#)
- 2/28 [Franklin Covey's - The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families - Feb 28](#)
[Permanent Change of Station - Stateside - February 28](#)
- 3/1 [Franklin Covey's - The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families - Mar 1](#)
- 3/2 [Discover Riley's Treasures - March 2](#)
- 3/6 [Franklin Covey's - The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families - Mar 6](#)
- 3/7 [Franklin Covey's - The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families - Mar 7](#)
[Permanent Change of Station - South Korea - March 7](#)
- 3/8 [Franklin Covey's - The 4 Disciplines of Execution Workshop - Mar 8](#)
[Border Patrol Employer Day](#)

UNIT CHANGES



1st Infantry Division: The 1st Inf. Div. at Fort Riley will include by the year 2011:

- 1st Brigade Combat Team (currently Fort Riley's 1st Brigade, 1st Inf. Div.)
- 2nd Brigade Combat Team (currently Fort Riley's 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division)
- 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (currently Fort Riley's 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team)
- Combat Aviation Brigade with nearly 120 aircraft
- 1st Sustainment Brigade (formerly DISCOM)
- 1st Infantry Division Headquarters (to increase in strength to approx. 850 Soldiers)

Personnel and equipment for these units will arrive gradually over the first couple of years, and we should reach our endstate numbers by 2011.

CEREMONIES & EVENTS

You are invited to attend the following ceremonies and events.

For more information, call the Community Relations Office at (785) 239-2022.

- **Feb. 9** — 977th Military Police Co. deployment ceremony, 10 a.m., King Field House
- **Feb. 14** — African American/Black History Month Observance, 11:45 a.m., Riley's Conference Center
- **Feb. 15** — 1st Sustainment Brigade activation ceremony 10 a.m., King Field House
- **Feb. 21** — National Prayer Luncheon, 11:15 a.m., Riley's Conference Center
- **Feb. 23** — 70th Engineers deployment ceremony, 10 a.m., King Field House
- **Feb. 23** — Military Transition Team (approx. 45 people) deployment ceremony, 2:30 p.m., location TBD
- **Feb. 28** — Monthly Retirement Ceremony, 9 a.m., Long Gym

FORT RILEY NEWS

For more information, visit www.1id.riley.army.mil

Foreign journalists get look at training at Fort Riley

Journalists from 22 foreign media outlets got a first-hand look Jan. 23-25 at what Fort Riley is doing to help support the Global War on Terrorism.

Top Iraqi general visits Fort Riley to see TT training

Iraqi Army Chief of Staff Gen. Babaker Shawkat B. Zebari visited Fort Riley training areas Jan. 26 to observe transition team training, meet with post leaders and conduct a press conference for local and national reporters.

4th IBCT Deployment Ceremony

A little over a year after its activation, the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team held a deployment ceremony at King Field House Jan. 25 before a large audience of fellow Soldiers and family members.



FOR MORE STORIES

- LOG ON TO WWW.RILEY.ARMY.MIL AND CLICK ON "FORT RILEY POST ONLINE"

Fun in the sun
A young child is seen playing in the sand at a beach near Fort Riley.

Running away
A person is seen running away from a group of people.

WWI Soldier buried
A soldier is buried in a casket at a cemetery.

Signing on
A group of people are signing on to a program.

6 post civilians begin program
Six civilians are beginning a program at the post.

Veter services wins command award
Veter services has won a command award.

EMPLOYMENT/CONTRACTING

Federal job information at Fort Riley is available on the internet. For information about the variety of opportunities, visit the employment Web site at <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/EmploymentOpp.asp>

There are two primary Federal employment Programs: **Appropriated Fund** (APF or Civil Service) and **Non-Appropriated Fund** (NAF). **APF and NAF Vacancies** are listed at the Army Civilian Personnel Online at www.cpol.army.mil. Or call the local Civilian Personnel Office at (785) 239-6004 for more information.

The Directorate of Contracting provides a list of active

contracts, as well as Fort Riley area construction business opportunities and information on submitting bids. For more information, visit <http://www.riley.army.mil/Services/Fort/Contracting.asp>

AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) employment opportunities are available. Visit <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp> for more information.

Stay InTouch with Fort Riley. E-mails about upcoming job opportunities are available by visiting <http://www.riley.army.mil/view/article.asp?id=013-2005-02-08-47167-2> and joining the InTouch list.

(Left) Cpt. David Graham, HHC commander, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, holds his daughter following the brigade's deployment ceremony Jan. 25.